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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: SUBJECTS WHICH MAY ARISE DURING YOUR UPCOMING VISIT O EGYPT

1. IN ADDITION CURRENT STATE ARAB/ISRAELI PROBLEM, WHICH WILL BE PRIME FOCUS EGYPTIAN INTEREST, SADAT AND/OR FAHMY MAY RAISE WITH YOU THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

2. U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR EGYPT: EGYPTIAN HAVE SHOWN SOME IMPATIENCE ON THIS MATTER. THEY WONDER ABOUT STATUS PROMISED CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS. THIS ALSO APPLIES POSSIBLE MIG PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.

3. SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA: AS RECENT MESSAGES HAVE INDICATED, SADAT AND FAHMY REMAIN DEEPLY PREOCCUPIED WITH WHAT THEY REGARD AS SOVIET EFFORTS TO EXAPND USSR INFLUENCE IN AFRICA. SO FAR AS EGYPTIAN ARE CONCERNED, QADHAFI AND MENGISTU CONTINUE TO BE THE VILLAINS OF THE PIECE AND ARE CAST AS SOVIET SURROGATES. GOE BELIEVES REGIMES IN SOMALIA, CHAD, SUDAN AND PERHAPS EVEN NIGER ARE THREAT-ENED. ALL HAVE ASKED FOREGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE, WHICH GOE

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IS GIVING TO EXTENT OF ITS CAPABILITY. WHILE PLEASED AT OUR DECISION IN PRINCIPLE PROVIDE ARMS FOR SOMALIA, SADAT STILL HOPES THAT USG WILL AGREE PROVIDE SMALL ARMS TO EGYPT FOR USE TO SUPPORT THREATENED AFRICAN REGIMES. YOU WILL RECALL HE MENTIONED SUBJECT TO SENATOR JAVITS, WHO WAS SYMPATHETIC. WE KNOW EGYPTIANS ARE DISTURBED AT WHAT THEY CONSIDER OUR INDIFFERENT

RESPONSE. SADAT IS POLITE ABOUT IT, FAHMY CAUSTIC.

4. NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR: HAVING COMPLETED THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH WESTINGHOUSE, EGYPTIANS ARE ANXIOUS GET UNDER WAY ON NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR PROJECT. THEY CONTINUE TO PRESS ON WHEN U.S. /EGYPTIAN BILATERAL WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS SO THAT THEY CAN PROCEED. WHILE AWARE OF OUR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE MET ALL SAFEGUARDS THAT IAEA AND WE HAVE IMPOSED. THEY PROFESS TO BE PUZZLED WHY WE PRESSED THEM SO HARD IN THE SUMMER OF 76 TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT (EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE STILL ONE OR TWO OUTSTANDING POINTS) AND HAVE SINCE ALLOWED IT TO LANGUISH. FAHMY HAS ON OCCASION SUGGESTED THAT WE ARE SIMPLY "PLAYING GAMES" WITH GOE AND NEVER REALLY INTENDED PROVIDE REACTOR. HE OR SADAT MAY RAISE SUBJECT.
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